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In re application of	; 10/733,008)	Attorney Docket No.	
Application No:	2004122678)	Examiner: Justine Rider	
Filed : December 1	0, 2003)	Group Art Unit: 2626	RECEIVED
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This is a request for the Director to invoke supervisory authority to declare my written response to the <u>Office Action</u> submitted by Art Unit # 2626, dated April 10, 2007, for Application No. 2004122678, as <u>Timely Filed</u>.

The letter of response was filed by myself, a small entity and individual inventor, pursuant to instructions from Art Unit #2626 and subsequent to my telephone conference on October 2, 2007 with the Examiner, Mr. Justin Rider. During this conversation, Mr. Rider investigated the fee amount based on the six months of extension and indicated \$525.00 be included with my letter of response. Mr. Rider further indicated the expiration for the six month extension as October 10, 2007 and the postmark deadline at midnight on the same day.

I mailed the letter of response at approximately 3:30 PM, on October 10, 2007 using Federal Express Priority Overnight. I made a call to Mr. Rider shortly thereafter, to alert him that the letter of response was in the mail for next day delivery and that a check for \$500.00 and a money order for \$25.00 were enclosed. The copy of the Federal Express Airbill (see enclosed) indicates the Tracking Number as #8627 9486 1235 and shows the letter of response package departed Aurora, Colorado at 5:40 PM on October 10, 2007. The letter of response was received and signed by Nguyen at 9:27A.M., on the next day, October 11, 2007.

I made another follow-up call to Mr. Rider on October 11, 2007, at which time he stated the letter of response had not been received by him and indicated it might take a week or so before he received it in his office. I called Mr. Rider again on October 13, 2007 to inform him the letter of response package was received and had been signed for by his agency on October 11, 2007. At this time, Mr. Rider mentioned the preferred method of mailing as the US Postal Service.

Within a few days I received a <u>Notice Requiring Extension of Time Fee</u> from Art Unit # 1700 (see enclosed), informing me that my patent application was abandoned. This letter incorrectly states the letter of response was mailed on October 11, 2007 and received the same day on October 11, 2007. This letter also incorrectly indicates a reinstatement fee of \$295.00.

I am enclosing a copy of the Federal Express Airbill and a copy of the Tracking Information with this letter indicating my letter of response was mailed in sufficient time and several hours prior to the postmark deadline.

Under Petition MPEP 1.181, Petition to the Director, I respectfully request the Director to invoke supervisory authority to declare my letter of response as <u>Timely Filed</u> and ask that the abandoned status be withdrawn

based on the evidence and circumstances indicated.

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Respectfully submitted,

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Application No. 10/733,008

Applicant(s)
ROUSSEAU, LESLIE

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1700

Applicant's reply to the Office Action mailed on 11 October, 2007 was received in the Office on 10/11/2007, which is after the expiration of the period for reply set in the Office action. The time period for reply continues to run from the mailing date of the Office action. This application will become ABANDONED unless applicant obtains an extension of time by filing a petition under 37 CFR 1.136(a) accompanied by the appropriate fee as set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(a)(1)-(5) within the maximum extendable time period for reply (e.g., six months for a reply to a non-final rejection).

The date on which the petition under 37 CFR 1.136(a) and the appropriate extension fee have been filed is the date for purposes of determining the period of extension and the corresponding amount of the fee due. The expiration of the time period is determined by the amount of the fee paid. In no case may an applicant reply later than the maximum period of SIX (6) MONTHS statutory period or obtain an extension for more than FIVE (5) MONTHS beyond the date for reply set forth in an Office action.

1. The appropriate extension of time fee is missing.	
2. The extension of time fee submitted is insufficient.	
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Explanation (Provide specific details of the required correction in order to assist the applicant. Indicate whether a service charge has been added to the fee due):

You should have sent in a fee for 4 mths and not 3mths you are a day late the response was due in 10/10/2007 a fee of \$295 for 4mths. Please send that fee in or authorization to charge deposit acct.

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